

A spectroscopic study of southern (candidate) γ Doradus stars*

I. Time series analysis

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Abstract. We present results of a spectroscopic study of 37 southern (candidate) γ Doradus stars based on échelle spectra. The observed spectra were cross-correlated with the standard template spectrum of an F0-type star for an easier detection of binary and intrinsic variations. We identified 15 objects as spectroscopic binaries, including 7 new ones, and another 3 objects are binary suspects. At least 12 objects show composite spectra. We could determine the orbital parameters for 9 binaries, of which 4 turn out to be ellipsoidal variables. For 6 binaries, we estimated the expected time-base of the orbital variations. Clear profile variations are observed for 17 objects, pointing towards stellar pulsation. For 8 of them, we have evidence that the main spectroscopic and photometric periods coincide. Our results, in combination with prior knowledge from the literature, lead to the classification of 10 objects as new *bona-fide* γ Doradus stars, 1 object as new *bona-fide* δ Scuti star, and 8 objects as constant stars. Finally, we determined the projected rotational velocity with two independent methods. The resulting $v \sin i$ values range from 3 to 135 km s⁻¹. For the bona-fide γ Doradus stars, the majority has $v \sin i$ below 60 km s⁻¹.

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1. Introduction

The γ Doradus stars (γ Dor stars hereafter) are a group of variable early F-type stars situated along the main-sequence. They were recognized as a separate group of pulsating stars one decade ago (Balona et al. 1994b). Their observed variations with typical periods between 0.3 and 3 days are due to *g*-mode pulsations which carry asteroseismic information about the central stellar regions. Their pulsations are driven by a flux blocking mechanism at the base of their convective envelope (e.g. Guzik & Kaye 2000; Löffler 2002; Warner et al. 2003; Dupret et al. 2004). Hopes of progress in this field boosted many astronomers to observe γ Dor stars to allow further

constraints on both the observed pulsational characteristics and the observed γ Dor instability strip in the HR diagram.

The photometric measurements of the satellite mission HIPPARCOS led to an impressive growth in the number of γ Dor candidates: from 11 (Krisciunas & Handler 1995) to 127 (Handler 2002). The number of bona-fide members grew from 6 (Krisciunas & Handler 1995) over 42 (Handler 2002) to 54 (Henry et al. 2005). The reason to divide the list into two classes, the bona-fide members and the candidates (hereafter respectively “bf γ Dor” and “cand γ Dor”), arises from the fact that the variability of the candidate stars can eventually be attributed to diverse phenomena: eclipsing binaries, ellipsoidal variations, spots, or δ Scuti (hereafter “ δ Sct”) pulsations (due to aliasing problems). Therefore the confirmation that a star belongs to the γ Dor stars group requires often extensive observations, preferably including spectroscopic ones.

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Since most of the bf γ Dor stars are multi-periodic, the observed light curves are generally rather complex. Long-term monitoring is not only needed to reveal the frequency spectrum, but also to check the stability of the observed periods/phases and amplitudes. Indeed, an excess of scatter around maximum brightness has already been observed in some bf γ Dor stars (Zerbi et al. 1997a,b, 1999; Henry et al. 2001; Fekel & Henry 2003).

In recent years, large scale photometric and spectroscopic follow-up campaigns have already been undertaken by other researchers, mainly for *northern* cand γ Dor stars (e.g. Kaye et al. 1999; Henry et al. 2001; Henry & Fekel 2002, 2003; Fekel et al. 2003; Mathias et al. 2004; Henry & Fekel 2005; Henry et al. 2005). In this series of papers, we report on the results obtained for a sample of 37 *southern* confirmed and cand γ Dor stars with time-series of new spectroscopic data gathered in 1998–2003 with the CORALIE spectrograph attached to the 1.2-m Euler telescope located in La Silla (Chile). Paper I (this paper) is devoted to the time series analysis of the data. These results are used for the orbital and variability classification of our targets. In Paper II (Bruntt et al., in preparation), the chemical abundances are determined for the slow rotators within our sample. A complementary photometric study has been realised for a slightly different sample of 37 *southern* (cand) γ Dor stars based on new photometric observations in the Johnson-Cousins B, V, I_c filters obtained in 1999–2000 with the MODULAR photometer attached to the 0.5-m SAAO telescope located in Sutherland (South-Africa). The first results of this campaign were discussed by Bouckaert (2001) and Eyer et al. (2002), while Eyer et al. (in preparation) are preparing the full report. Furthermore, the 1.2-m Mercator telescope located on the Canary Island La Palma (a twin of the Euler telescope) has become operational since 2001 and is currently used to monitor, amongst others, *northern* (cand) γ Dor stars photometrically in the Geneva $U, B_1, B, B_2, V_1, V, G$ passbands. The results obtained after 18 months observations are discussed by De Ridder et al. (2004). The results after 3 years of observation will become available soon (Cuypers et al., in preparation).

This paper is organised as follows. The data-sets obtained with the CORALIE spectrograph, which are described in Section 2, are used for three main purposes: (1) to determine which of the objects are binaries, and, if possible, to determine their orbits (Section 3), (2) to confirm/reject the classification of bf or cand γ Dor stars by studying the intrinsic variability of the spectra (Section 4), (3) to determine accurate values of the projected rotational velocity $v \sin i$ for each target star (Section 5). In Section 6, we end with our general conclusion and future prospects.

2. Description of the data-sets

A sample of 37 *southern* confirmed and cand γ Dor stars were selected for spectroscopic monitoring from the lists

Table 2. Logbook of the spectroscopic observations. The column # denotes the number of CORALIE spectra taken for the project of southern (cand) γ Dor stars during each of the 14 observation runs.

Observation run	#	Observer
26/11/1998 – 06/12/1998	40	B. Vandenbussche
06/04/1999 – 15/04/1999	42	K. Kolenberg
28/05/1999 – 04/06/1999	69	L. Eyer
15/10/1999 – 27/10/1999	108	B. Vandenbussche
23/11/1999 – 06/12/1999	27	B. Vandenbussche
16/02/2000 – 29/02/2000	50	K. Uytterhoeven
17/04/2000 – 25/04/2000	50	K. Uytterhoeven
20/06/2000 – 06/07/2000	55	T. Reyniers
03/08/2000 – 16/08/2000	73	B. Vandenbussche
28/09/2000 – 11/10/2000	74	K. Uytterhoeven
13/11/2001 – 26/11/2001	3	G. Raskin
12/07/2002 – 25/07/2002	8	B. Vandenbussche
21/10/2002 – 03/11/2002	2	T. Maas
18/12/2002 – 29/12/2002	24	M. Groenewegen
26/11/1998 – 29/12/2002	625	

given by Eyer (1998), Aerts et al. (1998) and Handler (1999). For each object, the HD number, the HIPPARCOS number, the Johnson V magnitude and the spectral classification as found in the SIMBAD astronomical database are given in columns (1)–(4) of Table 1. The 28 targets which are in common with those that were selected for photometric monitoring (Eyer et al., in preparation) are indicated with *.

Between Nov. 1998 and Dec. 2002, we gathered high-resolution spectra during 14 observation campaigns (Table 2) with the CORALIE spectrograph attached to the 1.2-m EULER telescope located in La Silla (Chile). CORALIE is a 2-fiber-fed échelle spectrograph (2" fib res on the object and sky, respectively), which covers the 388–681 nm region in 68 orders with a spectral resolution of 50 000. During each night, several exposures with a tungsten lamp were taken to measure the relative pixel sensitivity variation of the CCD. Exposures with a thorium lamp were taken for the wavelength calibration. The science exposure times were chosen for each object individually to result in a S/N ratio of about 100. The resulting number of science exposures for each target and their total time span expressed in days are respectively given in columns (5) and (6) of Table 1.

Right after the science exposure is taken, an optimised pipeline reduction is carried out with the INTER-TACOS software. The wavelength calibrated 2-D science spectra were used without either rebinning or merging the orders to calculate normalized cross-correlation functions (CCFs) in the solar system barycentric reference frame in the same way as described by Baranne et al. (1996). For all objects, we took the standard template spectrum of an F0-type star as correlation mask. Given their S/N ratio, time-series of CCFs allow a much easier detection of (double-lined) binaries (see Section 3) and/or correlation profile variations

Table 1. Overview of the 37 targets discussed in this paper. For each object, we give: the HD number (1), the HIPPARCOS number (2), the Johnson V magnitude (3) and the spectral classification (4) as found in the SIMBAD astronomical database; the number of CORALIE spectra (5) and their total time span expressed in days (6); the main HIPPARCOS period in days (7); the orbital classification (8); an indication for the observation of cross-correlation profile variations (9); the variability classification (10); and the mean $v \sin i$ values obtained by least-squares fitting with synthetic profiles for the primary (11) and secondary (12) components. The errors are given between brackets in units of the last decimal. The targets which are in common with those of the sample of Eyer et al. (in preparation) are indicated with * in column (1). The stars which were already classified as confirmed or suspected binaries are indicated with + in column (8). The stars which were already classified as bf γ Dor stars are indicated with $^\circ$ in column (10).

HD (1)	HIP (2)	mv (mag) (3)	SpT (4)	# (5)	ΔT (days) (6)	P_{hipp} (days) (7)	binarity (8)	CPVs (9)	variability (10)	$v \sin i$ (km s $^{-1}$)		
										(11)	(12)	
5590	4481	9.21	F2 V	16	1355		SB2		constant	103(3)	3.4(0.3)	
7455	5745	8.47	G3 V	19	1723			no	constant	3.3(3)		
8393	6387	9.49	F7w	14	1136		SB2		constant	4.1(3)	3.7(2)	
10167*	7649	6.67	F0 V	15	1721		SB2 $^+$		cand γ Dor	4.5(5)	4.9(6)	
12901*	9807	6.74	F0	50	1721	2.18:	[2]	yes	bf γ Dor $^\circ$	64(3)		
14940*	11192	6.68	F0 IV/V	63	685	0.50038	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor	39(4)		
22001	16245	4.71	F5 IV/V	18	1719			no	constant	12(2)		
26298*	19383	8.16	F0/F2 V	9	332		SB1?		cand γ Dor?	50.9(5)		
27290	19893	4.26	F4 III	19	1395	0.757031	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor $^\circ$ ($/\delta$ Sct?)	55(2)		
27377*	20036	7.4	F0 V	3	13	2.8482	[3]	SB2	cand γ Dor?	5.5(4)	5.2(6)	
27604	20109	6.08	F7 IV/V	3	6		VB?		constant	67.5(4)	4.3(3)	
33262	23693	4.71	F7 V	19	1722	0.28603	[3]	no	constant	10.1(10)		
34025*	24215	7.87	F2 IV	8	302	0.62221	[1]	SB2	yes	bf γ Dor	62.8(11)	
35416*	25183	7.53	F3 V	11	625		SB2		cand γ Dor?	6.6(?)	6.0(?)	
40745*	28434	6.21	F2 IV	8	334	0.82415	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor	39(2)		
41448*	28778	7.60	A9 V	12	10	0.419912	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor	106(3)		
48501*	32144	6.26	F2 V	34	1493			yes	bf γ Dor $^\circ$	44(4)		
65526*	39017	6.98	A3	2	1	1.28798	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor $^\circ$	56(4)		
81421*	46223	7.01	A3	63	384	0.489724	[1]	SB2 $^+$	constant	62.0(4)	42(4)	
85964*	48580	7.52	F3 IV/V	11	381	0.62425	[1]	SB1	constant	65(2)		
110379		3.65	F0 V	8	15				cand γ Dor	23.9(6)		
110606*	62105	7.8	F2 V	7	75	0.977	[2]	SB2 $^+$	cand γ Dor	5.8(4)	10(2)	
111709*	62774	9.27	A3:m...	5	78	1.18567	[1]	SB2	yes	cand γ Dor/CP star?	61(1)	
111829*		9.49	A1 IV/V	2	0		SB2?		cand γ Dor?	47(2)	?	
112685*	63372	7.85	F0 V	24	385	0.61645	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor	70(3)		
112934*	63491	6.6	A9 V	5	79	0.8:	[2]		cand γ Dor	70.5(7)		
125081*	69848	7.35	F2 II	7	77	0.153981	[1]	yes	bf δ Sct	5.6(5)		
126516*	70566	8.2	F3 V	9	76	0.493	[2]	SB1 $^+$	cand γ Dor	3.8(3)		
135825*	74825	7.31	F0	17	450	0.76053	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor	38(5)		
147787*	80645	5.28	F4 IV	10	377	1.45557	[1]	SB2 $^+$	cand γ Dor	7.6(?)	25(?)	
149989*	81650	6.30	A9 V	10	379	0.42658	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor	134(3)		
167858*	89601	6.62	F2 V	7	3	1.30700	[1]	SB1 $^+$	bf γ Dor $^\circ$	5.0(2)		
187028*	97590	7.60	F0 V	21	179	0.69532	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor	85(3)		
209295*	108976	7.5	A9/F0 V	61	1399	0.885274	[1]	SB1 $^+$	yes	bf γ Dor/ δ Sct $^\circ$	86(3)	
214291	111718	6.54	F7 V	5	1329	0.87125	[1]	SB2 $^+$	cand γ Dor?	67.6(8)	64.7(7)	
216910*	113402	6.70	F2 IV	11	1718	0.69349	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor	92(3)		
218225*	114127	8.72	F3 IV	14	1327	0.86679	[1]	yes	bf γ Dor	59(3)		

[1] ESA (1997); [2] Handler (1999); [3] Koen & Eyer (2002)

(CPVs; see Section 4) compared to time-series of individual spectral lines.

The CCFs were used to determine the radial velocity (v_{rad}). In a first approach, v_{rad} was calculated by fitting the CCF with a Gaussian distribution function. This approach was used only for double-lined objects in phases where the central parts of the lines of the different com-

ponents are well enough separated in velocity. In a second approach, the first normalized velocity moment (as defined by Aerts et al. 1992) of the CCF is used to calculate v_{rad} . This approach, which is favourable in case of pronounced CPVs, was used for all our single-lined objects. The accuracy of the obtained v_{rad} values remains well below 1 km s $^{-1}$ (cf. Table 4). The v_{rad} time-series were used

Table 3. Overview of the orbital elements determined for the ellipsoidal variables (HD 34025, HD 81421, HD 214291, HD 85964) and the binaries with a (cand) γ Dor component (HD 10167, HD 147787, HD 126516, HD 167858, HD 209295) in our sample of 37 targets. The errors are given between brackets in units of the last decimal. The values that were fixed are given in *italics*. The targets for which an orbit was already known in the literature are indicated with *.

	HD 10167	HD 34025	HD 81421	HD 85964	HD 126516	HD 147787	HD 167858	HD 209295	HD 214291
		(ellipsoidal)	(ellipsoidal)	(ellipsoidal)		*	*	*	(ellipsoidal)
P_{orb} (days)	9.3199(2)	<i>1.24442</i>	<i>0.97948</i>	<i>1.24850</i>	2.1245(5)	39.86(8)	4.48510(13)	3.10573(2)	1.74247(2)
v_{γ} (km s $^{-1}$)	5.2(2)	28.1(8)	9.3(4)	4.1(4)	-20.6(13)	-4.9(6)	-28.3(2)	-20.5(2)	-13.9(6)
e	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.59	0.0	0.324(5)	0.0
$t(\tau)$ (HJD-2450000)						1312(2)		2865.097(12)	
ω (°)						97(10)		33(1)	
K_1 (km s $^{-1}$)	39.7(4)	81(2)	87.8(7)	65.5(5)	33(1)	61(72)	6.3(2)	52.8(3)	111(14)
K_2 (km s $^{-1}$)	41.8(4)	135(3)	164.7(7)			67(79)			111(14)
$a_1 \sin i$ (A.U.)	0.0340(3)	0.0093(2)	0.00790(6)	0.00752(6)	0.0065(3)	0.2(2)	0.00261(8)	0.01426(8)	0.018(2)
$a_2 \sin i$ (A.U.)	0.0358(3)	0.0154(3)	0.01483(6)			0.2(3)			0.018(2)
$M_1 \sin^3 i$ (M_{\odot})	0.268(11)	0.81(9)	1.07(3)			2(12)			1.0(5)
$M_2 \sin^3 i$ (M_{\odot})	0.254(8)	0.49(4)	0.568(15)			2(9)			1.0(4)
$f(M)$ (M_{\odot})				0.0364(8)	0.0080(9)		0.00012(2)	0.0401(7)	
rms (km s $^{-1}$)	0.99	1.43	2.60	0.87	1.97	0.98	0.89	1.03	0.67

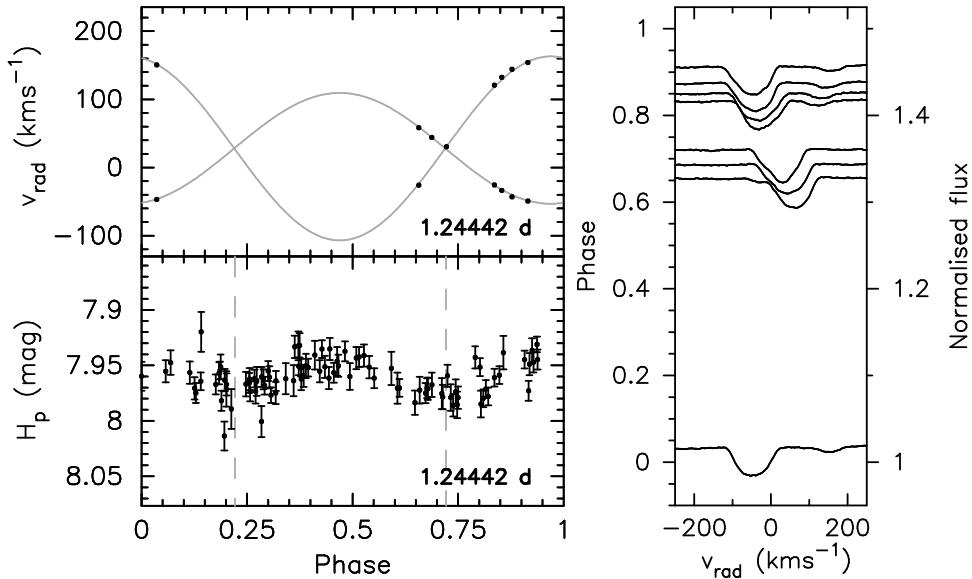


Fig. 1. Phase diagram of the radial velocity v_{rad} (top left) and the Hipparcos H_p measurements (bottom left) of HD 34025 with the period as given in the bottom right corner. The reference epoch is HJD 2450000. The dashed lines in the bottom left panel denote the phase at which $v_{\text{rad}} = v_{\gamma}$. In the right panel, a selection of observed cross-correlation profiles are shown as a function of orbital phase.

to search for orbital/intrinsic periods in the observed variations. To check the consistency between the spectroscopic and photometric variability, we additionally used the HIPPARCOS H_p measurements (ESA 1997). The main HIPPARCOS period in days is given in column (7) of Table 1.

Since the spectroscopic data of both HD 12901 and HD 48501 were already analysed in detail by Aerts et al. (2004), these objects will not be discussed any more in the following sections although they do belong to the sample.

3. Orbital variations

For the objects for which we have enough data, the time-series of v_{rad} are subjected to a period search. Two period search algorithms were used: (1) Phase Dispersion Minimization (PDM hereafter; Stellingwerf 1978), and (2) the Lomb-Scargle periodogram (Scargle hereafter; Scargle 1982).

In a first step, we searched for orbital variations. Before our study, 8 of our targets were classified as confirmed or suspected binaries (indicated with + in column (8) of Table 1). For HD 147787, HD 167858 and HD 209295 (in-

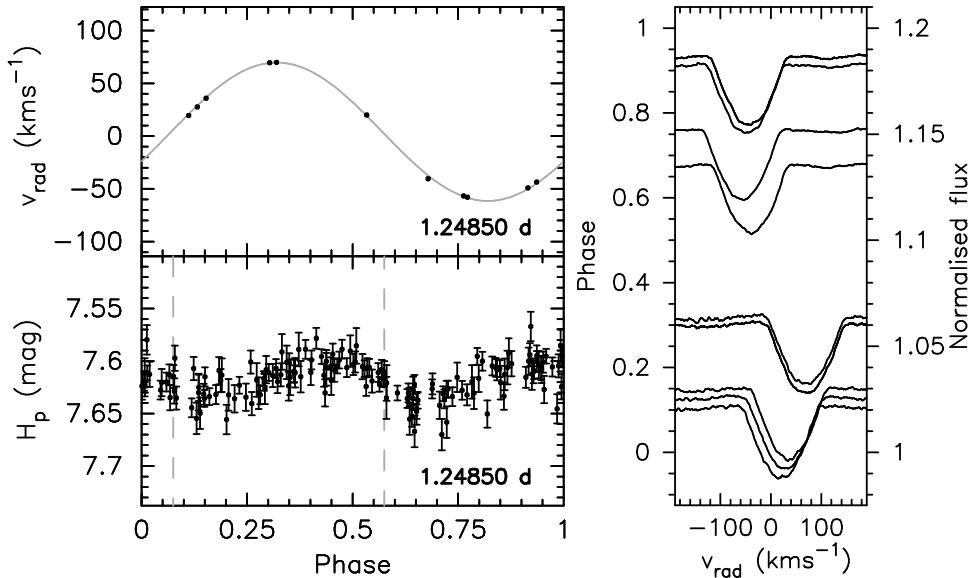


Fig. 4. Same as Fig. 1, but for HD 85964.

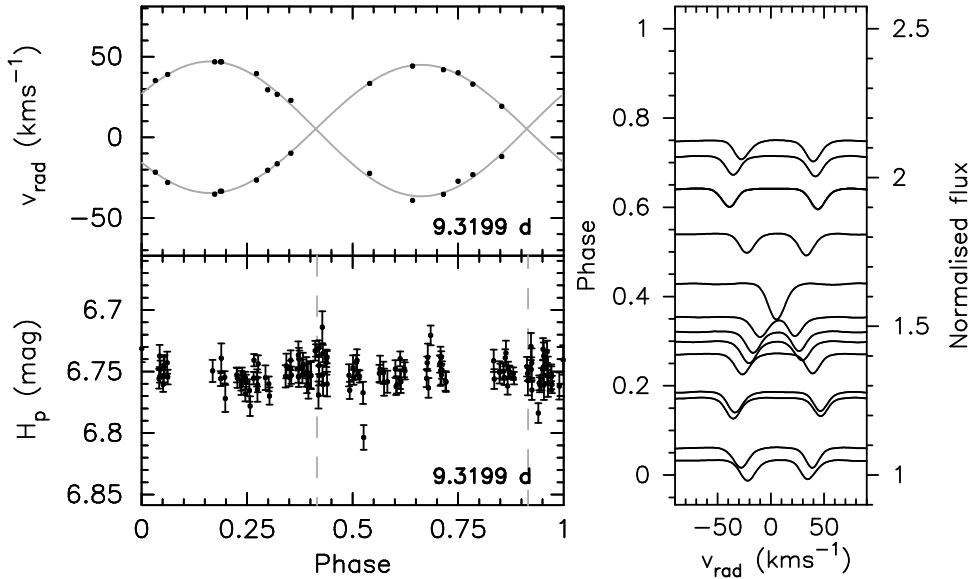


Fig. 5. Same as Fig. 1, but for HD 10167.

dicated with * in Table 3), an orbital solution was already available. For all targets showing large Doppler shifts (typically $> 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$) and/or two components in the time series of CCFs, we tried to fit the large v_{rad} variations with an orbit by using an altered version of the FORTRAN code VCURVE (Bertiau & Grobben 1969).

3.1. Solved binaries

3.1.1. Ellipsoidal variables

We took $2P_{\text{hipp}}$ (with P_{hipp} the main the photometric period as observed in the HIPPARCOS variations; column (7) of Table 1) as a first trial for the orbital period. For the double-lined objects **HD 34025** (Fig. 1), **HD 81421**

(Fig. 2)¹, **HD 214291** (Fig. 3)¹ and for the single-lined object **HD 85964** (Fig. 4), $2P_{\text{hipp}}$ fits the observed v_{rad} variations. We therefore classify them as ellipsoidal variables. According to the statistical test of Lucy & Sweeney (1971), their short-period orbits are all circular. For the determination of the final orbital elements (Table 3), the orbital period was fixed except for HD 214291 for which the total time span of the CORALIE data is almost 3 times larger than the total time span of the HIPPARCOS data.

HD 81421 was the only ellipsoidal variable in our sample which was already classified as such (Handler & Shobbrook 2002). Eyer et al. (2002) classified

¹ Figs. 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24 are available only in electronic form at the CDS via anonymous ftp to cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr (130.79.128.5)

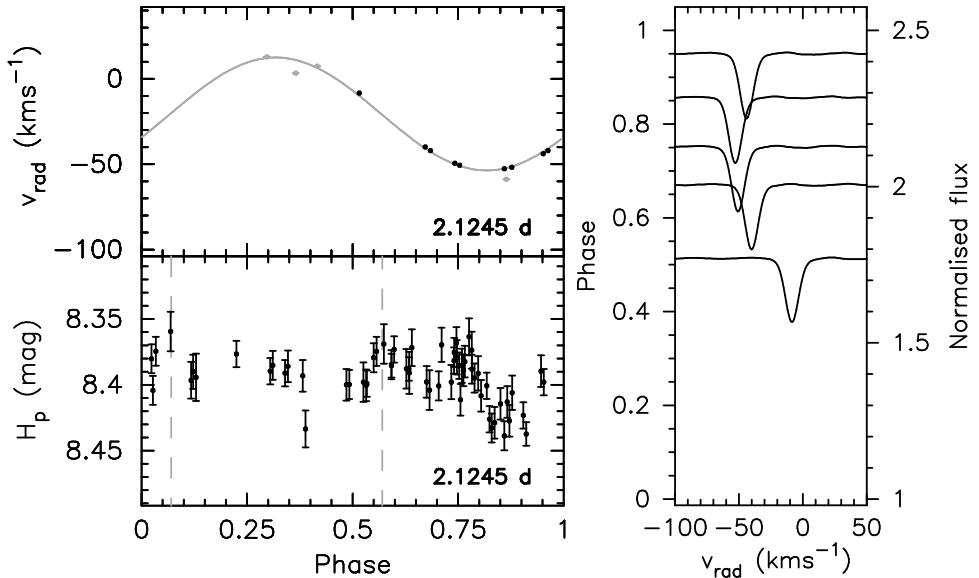


Fig. 7. Same as Fig. 1, but for HD 126516.

both HD 81421 and HD 85964 as eclipsing binaries because they observed a difference in depth of successive minima in the B , V , I_c light curves, while Duerbeck (1997) concluded from the period-colour-luminosity calibration of the HIPPARCOS data that HD 81421 is a contact binary.

HD 34025 and HD 214291 were previously classified as multi-periodic γ Dor stars by Eyer et al. (2002) and Aerts et al. (1998) respectively. Since CPVs are observed for the primary component of HD 34025 (right panel of Fig. 1), we classify it as a bf γ Dor star. HD 81421 is the only ellipsoidal variable for which we have enough data to search for additional intrinsic variations. However, no CPVs are visible for either of its components, and there is no evidence for intrinsic periods in the residual v_{rad} data. Hence, HD 81421 should be omitted from the list of cand γ Dor stars.

3.1.2. Non-ellipsoidal variables

For 2 double-lined binaries, i.e. **HD 10167** (Fig. 5), **HD 147787** (Fig. 6)¹, and for 3 single-lined objects, i.e. **HD 126516** (Fig. 7), **HD 167858** (Fig. 8)¹, **HD 209295** (Fig. 9)¹, P_{hipp} is clearly not due to ellipsoidal variations, but we were still able to determine the orbit (Table 3).

HD 10167 was already reported as a double-lined object by Grenier et al. (1999) and by Eyer & Aerts (2000). Handler & Shobbrook (2002) found in their photometric observations only very little variations during individual nights, but night-to-night variations of a few hundredths of a magnitude. With our 15 v_{rad} values, we could determine the orbit for the first time (Table 3, column 2). There is no clear detection of CPVs in either of the components. HD 147787 consists of two visual components ($V_A = 5.29$ mag; $V_B = 9.12$ mag) with a separation of 24.7 mas (Landolt 1969). HD 147787 is also known as a single-lined spectroscopic binary with an eccentric orbit of 37.4280 d

(Jones 1928). We here used the v_{rad} data of both components to determine orbits for a grid of fixed eccentricity values of which we retained the one with the lowest RMS value (Table 3, column 7). Given the large errors on the results, this orbit should be fine-tuned with additional spectroscopic observations. For the determination of the orbits of HD 126515 and HD 167858, we included the v_{rad} observations given by Fekel et al. (2003) and Fekel & Henry (2003) respectively. For HD 126516, it is the first time that an orbital solution is given (Table 3, column 6). With our 7 v_{rad} observations of HD 167858, we can slightly improve the orbit given by Fekel & Henry (2003) (cf. their Table 2). For this object, several observations in speckle interferometry are available, but no evidence of a companion was found so far (McAlister et al. 1987; Mason et al. 1999). HD 209295 was first reported as a candidate spectroscopic binary by Grenier et al. (1999). The orbit given in column 9 of Table 3 is based on our 61 v_{rad} values. Our orbit is close to the orbit given by Handler et al. (2002) (see their Table 7), who already used a subset of our data amongst other spectroscopic observations for this purpose.

HD 147787, HD 167858 and HD 209295 are known as multi-periodic variables (Aerts et al. 1998, Handler & Shobbrook 2002, Fekel & Henry 2003, Handler 1999, Koen 2001, Handler et al. 2002, and/or Eyer et al. 2002). For HD 167858, Mathias et al. (2004) already observed evident but small line profile variations from their 11 AURÉLIE spectra, but a combined fit of photometric and spectroscopic data was not possible. For HD 10167, no period is found in the HIPPARCOS photometry but it was listed as a mono-periodic γ Dor star by Eyer et al. (2002). HD 209295 is the only non-ellipsoidal binary for which we have enough data to search for intrinsic variations in the residual v_{rad} data (see Section 4). We classify the other ones as binaries with a (cand) γ Dor component. Because the further exploitation of their

dynamical information with e.g. interferometry can give additional and independent constraints on physical properties of the components, these objects are the most interesting ones in our sample from an asteroseismic point of view.

3.2. Unsolved binaries

Finally, there is a group of 9 suspected binaries in our sample consisting of systems for which the amount of data is insufficient to check if we are dealing with an ellipsoidal variable or not and/or to determine an orbital period. All their observed CCFs are shown in Fig. 10¹. At least 7 of these objects are double-lined.

Eyer & Aerts (2000) found no intrinsic photometric variations in their GENEVA data of **HD 5590** and **HD 8393**. For **HD 35416**, which is listed as “microvariable” in the HIPPARCOS catalogue (ESA 1997), they found a different result for each period search method. However, their photometric observations of both HD 8393 and HD 35416 show a slight drift. These double-lined objects are clearly long period binaries: their v_{rad} values barely change within an observation run while clear Doppler shifts are observed between observations of different observation runs. Hence, their orbital period must be much longer than 10 d. Note that if we did not have the first observation of HD 35416 (Fig. 10, upper right panel, lowest CCF)¹, we would have interpreted the CPVs as being due to pulsation instead of binarity.

HD 110606 is the only unsolved binary for which a composite spectrum was observed before. Nordström et al. (1997) determined a mass ratio of 0.912(34). It can not be an ellipsoidal variable since $2P_{\text{hipp}}$ does not fit our v_{rad} data at all. Our orbit determination failed, but the most promising candidate orbital period is about 63 d.

Paunzen & Maitzen (1998) concluded from the HIPPARCOS data that **HD 111709** is a new variable chemically peculiar star. The B, V, I_c photometry of **HD 27377** shows a long term behaviour that yields a period of about 10 d (Eyer et al. 2002). However, we suspect that it is a short period binary since we observed $\Delta v_{\text{rad}} \simeq 3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ in 45 minutes. Our current spectroscopic data of these double-lined objects are insufficient to confirm or rule out ellipsoidality. Note that CPVs are present in the primary component of HD 111709 (Fig. 10, middle panel)¹, which confirms the γ Dor or spotted character of this component.

In case of HD 27604, HD 26298 and HD 111829 (Fig. 10, bottom panels)¹, it is not clear if we are dealing with binaries or not. Indeed, Eyer & Aerts (2000) classified **HD 27604** as a constant star, but they observed a few data points with a higher than normal magnitude, which might indicate the presence of eclipses. It is a close visual binary with a separation of 0.800 arcsec (ESA 1997), which might explain why we observe a double-lined object but without clear Doppler shifts. **HD 26298** is listed as a constant star in the HIPPARCOS catalogue (ESA

1997). Lu et al. (1987) found no evidence for duplicity with speckle interferometry. The GENEVA observations of Eyer & Aerts (2000) yield periods close to a sampling period while the period in colour seems to be half the period in V , which points towards ellipsoidal variability. We find a peak-to-peak value of 9.5 km s^{-1} in v_{rad} . The CCFs do not show clear asymmetries, but rather global Doppler shifts, which favours an interpretation as a suspected binary. For **HD 111829**, Mantegazza et al. (1991) observed not strictly periodic light variations with a V amplitude of about 0.04 mag on a time-scale of 1.8 or 4 d. Our 2 observations show $\Delta v_{\text{rad}} \simeq 7 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ in 1 hour. It is unclear if the obvious line profiles observed in the CCFs are superposed on line profiles of a very rapidly rotating component or not (Fig. 10, lower right panel)¹.

Two of these unsolved binaries were previously classified as multi-periodic variables, i.e. HD 27377 by Handler (1999), and HD 110606 by Eyer et al. (2002). Since we cannot derive their orbits, we are unable to search for intrinsic periods. Moreover, apart from the primary of HD 111709, none of the components of the unsolved binaries shows clear CPVs.

4. Intrinsic variations

Before our study, 6 of our targets were classified as bf γ Dor stars (indicated with $^\circ$ in column (10) of Table 1). In the second step, we searched for intrinsic periods in the (residual) v_{rad} data of all the objects with clear CPVs as far as the number of data points allowed it. In most cases, the resulting periodograms are very noisy. If our data turned out to be insufficient for an independent period search, we made phase diagrams with already known photometric periods to check the possible consistency with the observed spectroscopic variations.

4.1. Clear correlation profile variations

4.1.1. Spectroscopic variations compatible with photometric period

HD 34025, HD 111709 and HD 209295 are the only binaries in our sample for which clear CPVs are seen in one of the components (right panels of Figs. 1 and 9). Only for **HD 209295**, the number of datapoints and the quality of the derived orbit allow us to search for additional intrinsic periods. Handler et al. (2002) organised a multi-site campaign for this object and detected multi-periodic γ Dor and δ Sct variability. A total of 10 independent periods were found: 7 in photometry ($P_1^{\text{P}} = 0.88529(2)$ d, $P_2^{\text{P}} = 0.434363(6)$ d, $P_3^{\text{P}} = 0.388230(8)$ d, $P_4^{\text{P}} = 0.8519$ d, $P_5^{\text{P}} = 0.5659$ d, $P_6^{\text{P}} = 0.4430$ d, $P_7^{\text{P}} = 0.9246$ d) and 3 additional ones in spectroscopy ($P_8^{\text{s}} = 1.03523(12)$ d, $P_9^{\text{s}} = 0.62113(4)$ d, $P_{10}^{\text{s}} = 0.345075(13)$ d). P_3^{P} , P_6^{P} , P_8^{s} , P_9^{s} and P_{10}^{s} are suspected to be tidally excited since they are exact subharmonics of the orbital period. We have evidence that at least 4 of the known periods are also present in the residual v_{rad} data after prewhitening the orbit given

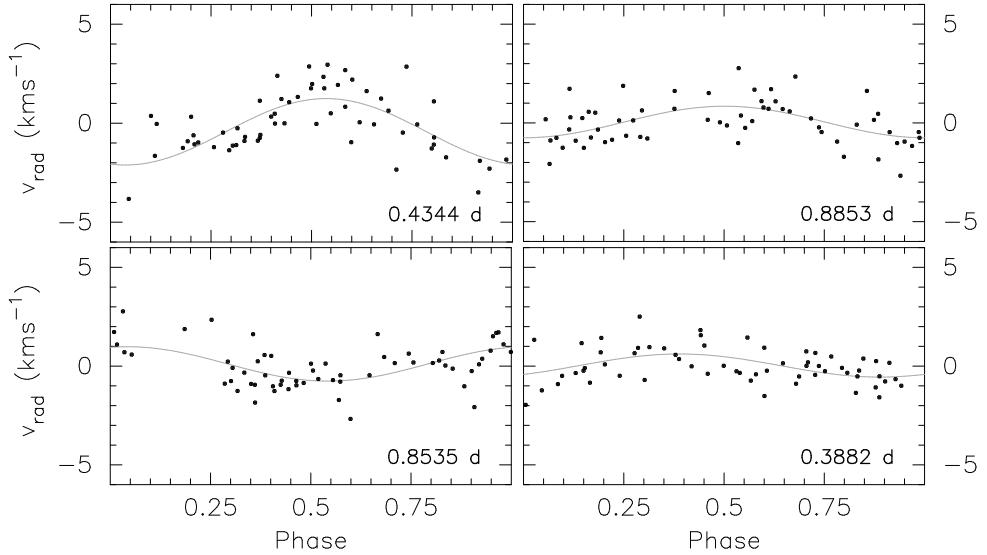


Fig. 11. Phase diagrams for the intrinsic periods of HD 209295 found in the residual v_{rad} data after prewhitening with the orbit given in Table 3. The reference epoch is HJD 2450000. Top left: $P_1 = 0.4343(2)$ d. Top right: $P_2 = 0.8853(9)$ d (prewhitened with P_1). Bottom left: $P_3 = 0.8535(9)$ d (prewhitened with P_1). Bottom right: $P_4 = 0.3882(2)$ d (prewhitened with P_1 , P_2 and P_3).

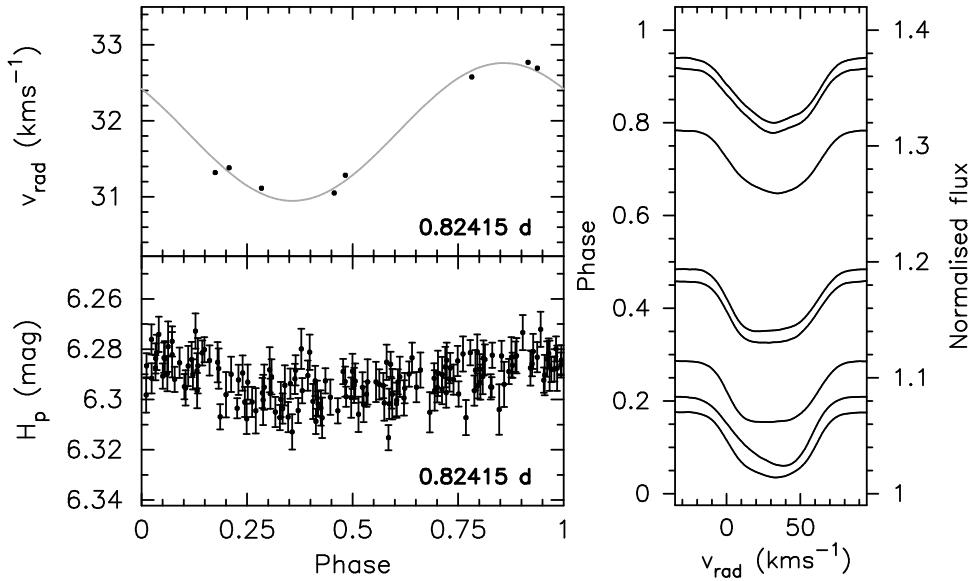


Fig. 12. Phase diagram of the radial velocity v_{rad} (top left) and the Hipparcos H_p measurements (bottom left) of HD 40745 with the period as given in the bottom right corner. The reference epoch is HJD 2450000. In the right panel, a selection of observed cross-correlation profiles are shown as a function of pulsation phase.

in Table 3: $P_1 = 0.4343(2)$ d $\simeq P_2^P$, $P_2 = 0.8853(9)$ d $\simeq P_1^P$, $P_3 = 0.8535(9)$ d $\simeq P_4^P$, and $P_4 = 0.3882(2)$ d $\simeq P_3^P$ (Fig. 11). During the period search, 0.8650(9) d originally seemed to be the best candidate for the second period. However, since $(1/0.8650) \simeq (1/P_1^P + 1/P_4^P)/2$, and since prewhitening with 0.8650 cd^{-1} or with P_2 and P_3 reduces the variance with the same amount, we favoured the latter two. We refer to Handler et al. (2002) for a more extensive study of this star.

For the objects **HD 40745** (Fig. 12), **HD 41448** (Fig. 13)¹, **HD 112685** (Fig. 14)¹ and **HD 187028**

(Fig. 15)¹, a period close to P_{hipp} (or one of its aliases) is found as one of the best fitting periods from an independent search in our v_{rad} data. We therefore have evidence that the main photometric and spectroscopic periods coincide for these objects. These periods are not connected to binarity, and, since the v_{rad} variations are sinusoidal, they are probably not due to spots. Moreover, HD 40745, HD 41448 and HD 187028 show multi-periodic variations in their HIPPARCOS observations (e.g. Handler 1999) while HD 112685 was found to be multi-periodic in B, V, I_c observations (Eyer et al. 2002). We can therefore classify

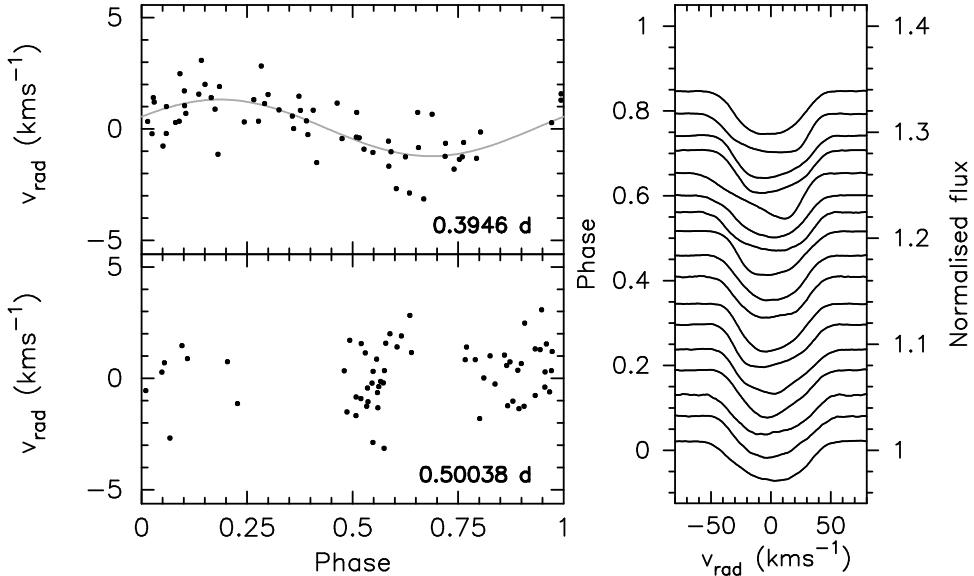


Fig. 19. Phase diagram of the radial velocity v_{rad} with our best fitting period (top left) and the best fitting photometric period (bottom left) of HD 14940. The period values are given in the bottom right corner. The reference epoch is HJD 2450000. In the right panel, a selection of observed cross-correlation profiles are shown as a function of our best fitting period.

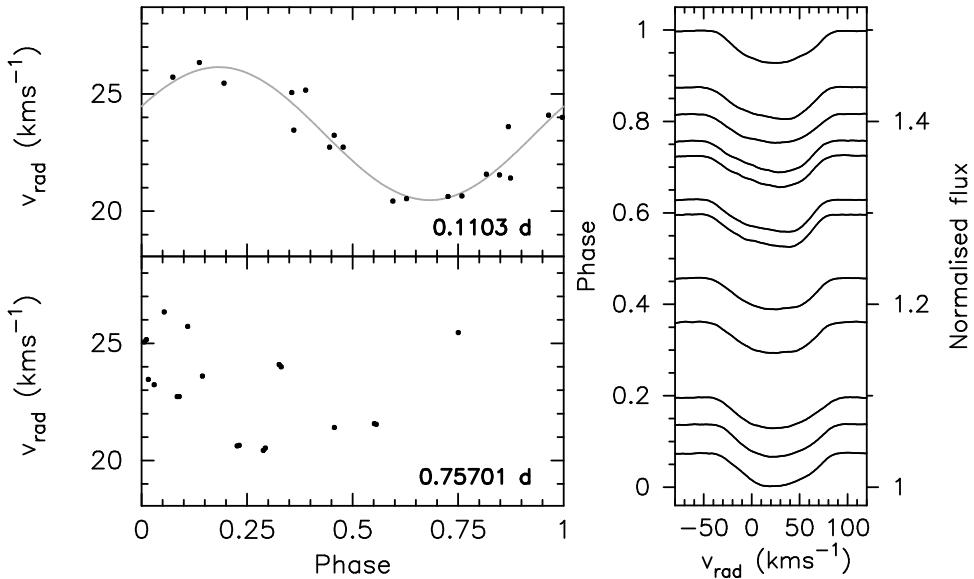


Fig. 20. Same as Fig. 19, but for HD 27290.

them as bf γ Dor stars. Note that Mathias et al. (2004) failed to observe line profile variations in their AURÉLIE data of HD 40745 and HD 41448. In case of HD 40745, we can not confirm any of the alternative HIPPARCOS periods given by Aerts et al. (1998).

The period $P_{\text{hipp}} = 0.15398$ d observed in the HIPPARCOS observations of **HD 125081** (ESA 1997) is typical for δ Sct stars. Paunzen & Maitzen (1998) classified this object as a new variable chemically peculiar star (F3 SrCrEu). Our observations confirm the δ Sct character of HD 125081, since P_{hipp} is clearly the main period in spectroscopy (Fig. 16)¹

For **HD 135825** and **HD 218225**, none of the *highest* peaks in the periodograms correspond to a period close to P_{hipp} or one of its aliases. The best fitting periods, 0.63(3) d and 2.0210(4) d respectively, reduce the variance with more than 80%. However, for both objects, *low* peaks do occur near P_{hipp} in the periodograms, and these periods already reduce the variance with $\sim 60\%$. Hence, given the small number of datapoints, we can not rule out that P_{hipp} coincides with the main spectroscopic period. In the left panels of Figs. 17¹ and 18¹, phase diagrams with P_{hipp} are given. Since both HD 135825 and HD 218225 are multi-periodic in photometry (Eyer et al.

2002; Aerts et al. 1998), we now classify them as bf γ Dor stars.

4.1.2. Spectroscopic variations not compatible with photometric period

For **HD 14940**, two periods were detected in the HIPPARCOS data: 0.5004 d and 0.9800 d (Aerts et al. 1998). However, they do not fit our v_{rad} data at all. These periods reduce the variance with less than 10% while the best fitting period, 0.3946 d, induces a variance reduction of more than 50% (Fig. 19). After prewhitening, there is still power near 0.5842 d, 0.9647 d and 0.4234 d. We are clearly dealing with a multi-periodic γ Dor star, but the aliasing is too strong to continue our period search.

For γ Dor (= **HD 27290**), three periods are commonly present in photometry and spectroscopy: 0.75701 d, 0.73339 d and 0.67797 d (Balona et al. 1994a,b, 1996). However, we find a δ Sct like period instead: 0.1103 d reduces the variance with 90% while the variance reduction for the known periods are all below 45% (Fig. 20). We do stress that the periodograms are very noisy, and we clearly need more data to confirm or rule out this result.

Aerts et al. (1998) found two periods in the HIPPARCOS data of both **HD 149989** and **HD 216910**. In case of HD 216910, none of these periods could be confirmed with the B, V, I_c observations by Eyer et al. (2002). Our current amount of CORALIE data is insufficient for an independent period search. However, phase plots with the HIPPARCOS periods enable us to rule out their presence in our spectroscopic observations (Fig. 21 and Fig. 22)¹. Due to the broad CCPs, the CPVs of HD 149989 are not as clear as for the objects discussed in Section 4.1 so far.

4.1.3. Unsolved intrinsic variations

For **HD 65526**, the HIPPARCOS team found $P_{\text{hipp}} = 1.28798$ days as the main period (ESA 1997). A total of four other periods were derived with the HIPPARCOS data by Handler (1999) and by Martín et al. (2003), who confirmed one of them in their Strömgren data. Mathias et al. (2004) did not detect asymmetries in their 1 AURÉLIE spectrum, while the CPVs are obvious our 2 CCFs (Fig. 23)¹.

4.2. No clear correlation profile variations

There are five (apparently) single objects for which no clear CPVs are detected in our CORALIE data (Fig. 24)¹. **HD 7455** and **HD 22001** were found to be constant in GENEVA photometry (Eyer & Aerts 2000). For **HD 33262**, a period of 3.4961 d was found in the HIPPARCOS data (Koen & Eyer 2002) while only some indications of a period of about 100 days was found in GENEVA data (Eyer & Aerts 2000). For these three objects, we find peak-to-peak values Δv_{rad} below 1 km s^{-1} , and corresponding standard deviations σ_{rad} well below 0.1 km s^{-1}

Table 4. The peak-to-peak value (Δv_{rad}) and the standard deviation (σ_{rad}) of the v_{rad} data is given for the objects for which no clear correlation profile variations have been detected in our current set of CORALIE data.

HD	HIP	Δv_{rad}	σ_{rad}	
22001	16245	0.2	0.05	const
33262	23693	0.2	0.06	const
7455	5745	0.3	0.07	const
112934*	63491	1.2	0.5	CPVs?
	110379	2.5	0.8	CPVs?

(Table 4). Hence classify them as spectroscopically constant.

In the HIPPARCOS data of **HD 112934**, Handler (1999) found evidence for a period of ~ 0.8 days. Eyer et al. (2002) confirmed its classification as a mono-periodic γ Dor star on the basis of new B, V, I_c observations. For **HD 110379**, no HIPPARCOS observations are available, but Krisciunas & Handler (1995) observed a period of 0.228 days in Strömgren photometry. With our CORALIE data alone, it is not clear if we are dealing with pulsating stars or not. No clear CPVs are observed (Fig. 24)¹, but their σ_{rad} values are at least 10 times larger than the one of HD 22001.

5. Projected rotational velocity

The CCFs were used to determine the projected rotational velocity ($v \sin i$). For the double-lined objects, only the CCFs in which the profiles of both components are well separated are used (if available). The $v \sin i$ values were determined with the Fourier method ($v \sin i_{\text{Fourier}}$; Gray 1992) and by least-squares fitting with rotationally broadened synthetic profiles with a Gaussian intrinsic width but without pulsational broadening ($v \sin i_{\text{Fit}}$). For each object, a value of 0.555 was taken for the limb-darkening coefficient.

In Fig. 25, the resulting $v \sin i$ values and their corresponding standard deviations as found with both methods are compared for each component. For $v \sin i > 15 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, the results of both methods are generally fully compatible, while for $v \sin i < 15 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (see enlargement in Fig. 25), we systematically find $v \sin i_{\text{Fourier}} > v \sin i_{\text{Fit}}$. For slow rotators, there is confusion in the zeros of the Fourier transform invoked by broadening mechanisms other than rotation. Moreover, the standard deviations on the $v \sin i$ values found with the Fourier method are in general larger than those found with least-squares fitting. We therefore favour the results of the least-squares fitting and list the $v \sin i_{\text{Fit}}$ values for the primary and secondary components in columns (11) and (12) of Table 1 respectively. Although the cross-correlation profiles of pulsating components show asymmetries, we do not detect significant differences in the relative errors on $v \sin i$ of the pulsat-

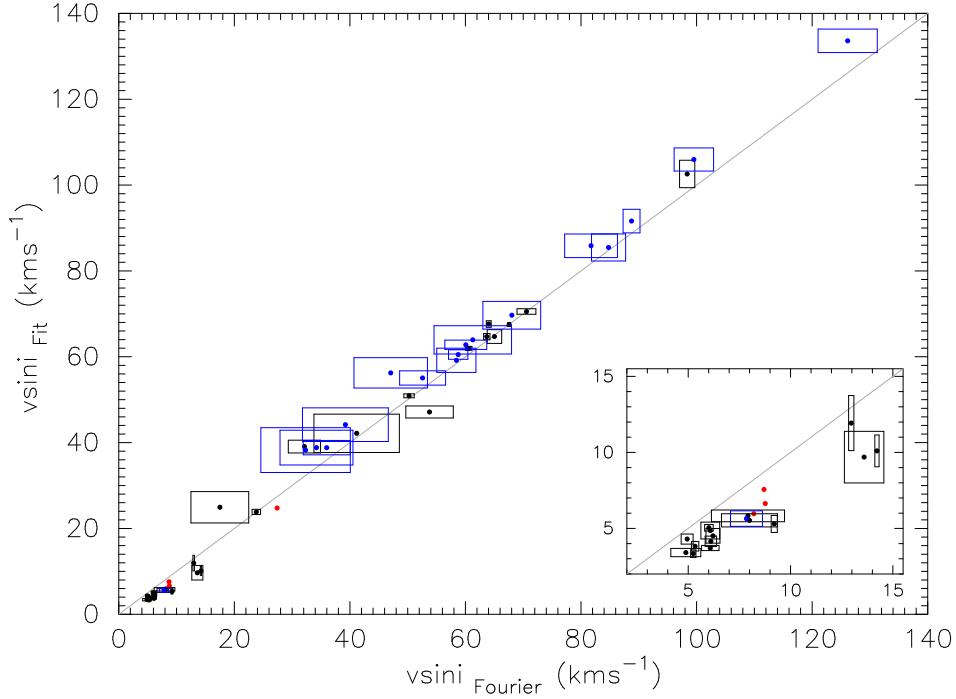


Fig. 25. Comparison of the $v \sin i$ values (full circles with error boxes) determined with the Fourier method ($v \sin i_{\text{Fourier}}$) to those determined by least-squares fitting with synthetic profiles ($v \sin i_{\text{Fit}}$). The components known to be pulsating are given in blue and those for which the $v \sin i$ value is based on 1 cross-correlation profile only are given in red. Colour representation only in the online verions of the paper.

ing and non-pulsating components in our sample, given in blue and black respectively in Fig. 25².

In Fig. 26, we show histograms of the number of bf γ Dor stars (N_{bf}), cand γ Dor stars (N_{cand}) and rejected γ Dor stars (i.e. objects which were formerly under consideration; N_{reject}), as a function of $v \sin i$. As input for the different groups, we used a compilation of our results and those listed by Handler (2002), Henry & Fekel (2002), Henry & Fekel (2003), Fekel et al. (2003), Mathias et al. (2004), Henry & Fekel (2005), and Henry et al. (2005). One third of the shown $v \sin i$ values used were determined in this work (dark grey). In case of a double-lined object for which (only) one of the components is classified as a bf γ Dor star, the companion was considered as a rejected γ Dor star. If a double-lined object is classified as a cand/rejected γ Dor star, both components were considered as such. The histogram of the bf γ Dor stars shows an excess of objects within $v \sin i \in [20, 60]$ km s⁻¹ compared to the cand and rejected γ Dor stars. These rotation rates are indeed ideal to detect profile variations: very slow rotators require a very high spectral resolution for a detailed view of the line profile while rapid rotators suffer from line blending. There is no evidence for pulsation damping due to rapid rotation because the relative number of stars with a high $v \sin i$ value is comparable in the 3 categories.

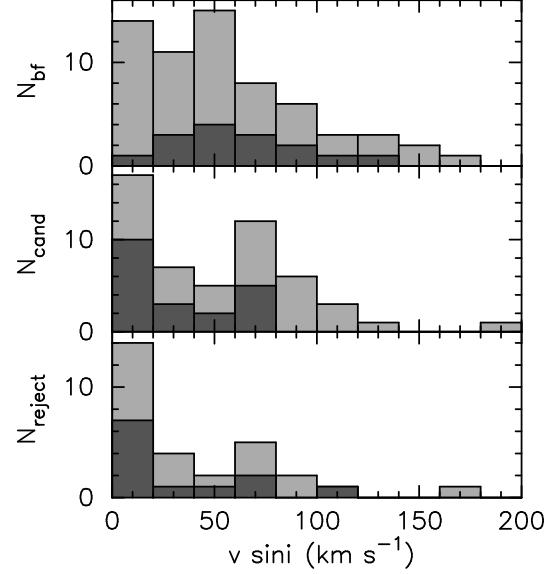


Fig. 26. Histograms showing the number of bf γ Dor stars (N_{bf} ; top), cand γ Dor stars (N_{cand} ; middle) and rejected γ Dor stars which were formerly under consideration (N_{reject} ; bottom) as a function of $v \sin i$. The $v \sin i$ values from this work are given in dark grey. The other values were taken from Handler (2002); Henry & Fekel (2002, 2003); Fekel et al. (2003); Mathias et al. (2004); Henry & Fekel (2005); Henry et al. (2005).

² The colours are given in the electronic version only

Table 5. An overview of the orbital classification, i.e. apparently single star (“single”), suspected binary (“suspect”), single-lined spectroscopic binary (“SB1”) and double-lined spectroscopic binary (“SB2”), and variability classification of the objects discussed in this paper. The stars in *italics* will be subject of dedicated future studies.

	bf γ Dor star	cand γ Dor star	rejected γ Dor star
single	13 HD 12901, HD 14940, HD 27290, HD 40745, HD 41448, HD 48501, HD 65526, HD 112685, HD 135825, HD 149989, HD 187025, HD 216910, HD 218225	2 HD 110379, HD 112934	4 HD 7455, HD 22001, HD 33262, HD 125081 ¹
suspect	0	2 <i>HD 111829, HD 26298</i>	1 HD 27604
SB1	2 <i>HD 167858², HD 209295</i>	1 <i>HD 126516</i>	1 HD 85964
SB2	1 <i>HD 34025</i>	7 <i>HD 10167, HD 27377³, HD 35416, HD 110606, HD 111709^{3,4}, HD 147787, HD 214291</i>	3 HD 5590, HD 8393, HD 81421

¹ bf δ Sct star; ² shows no cross-correlation profile variations but was classified as bf γ Dor star before;

³ ellipsoidal variability instead of pulsation can not be ruled out;

⁴ shows cross-correlation profile variations but was classified as chemically peculiar star before

6. Conclusions & Future prospects

We contributed to the observational effort to confirm cand γ Dor stars as real members of the group of γ Dor stars by analysing the time-series of the CORALIE spectra of 37 *southern* (cand) γ Dor stars. To allow a better detection of secondary components and/or profile variations, the original spectra were cross-correlated with the standard template spectrum of an F0-type star. An overview of our final results is given in Tables 1 and 3, and of our binarity and variability classification in Table 5.

At least 15 of our 37 targets turn out to be spectroscopic binaries, including 7 new ones. Our data allowed the determination of 9 orbits, of which 6 are new (Table 3): HD 34025, HD 81421, HD 214291 and HD 85964 are ellipsoidal variables, and HD 10167, HD 126516, HD 167858, HD 147787 and HD 209295 are binaries with a (cand) γ Dor component. For HD 34025, HD 81421 and HD 85964, the phases at which $v_{\text{rad}} = v_{\gamma}$ do not correspond to the phases of minimal light seen in HIPPARCOS photometry. For the remaining 6 binaries, we estimate from our data an orbital period $P_{\text{orb}} >> 10$ days for HD 5590, HD 8393, HD 35416 and HD 110606, and P_{orb} of a few days for HD 27377 and HD 111709. For the latter two objects, we can not exclude ellipsoidal variations. We additionally classify HD 27604, HD 26298 and HD 111829 as candidate binaries. Especially in case of HD 26298, it is not clear if the observed variations in the CCFs are caused by binarity or not. We find a binarity rate of about 50% for our sample, which is similar to the one found by Mathias et al. (2004). If we restrict our sample to the objects which we classified as bf or cand γ Dor stars (see column (10) in Table 1), the binary rate lowers to $\sim 40\%$. At least 12 of our objects, i.e. $\sim 1/3$ of our targets, show composite spectra.

For 17 objects ($\sim 45\%$), including 3 binaries, clear cross-correlation profile variations are observed in one

of the components. We classify them as bf γ Dor stars, except for HD 125081 (which is a bf δ Sct star) and HD 111709 (for which there is possible confusion with chemical peculiarity). This confirms the γ Dor character of 10 objects (HD 14940, HD 34025, HD 40745, HD 41448, HD 112685, HD 135825, HD 149989, HD 187028, HD 216910 and HD 218225) and the δ Sct character of 1 object (HD 125081). For 8 objects, we have evidence that the intrinsic spectroscopic variations are compatible with (one of) the known photometric period(s). For 4 others, we observe no such compatibility. This latter group includes γ Dor itself (HD 27290), for which our data points towards a δ Sct period instead. Due to a lack of evidence for intrinsic spectroscopic and photometric variations, we classify HD 5590, HD 7455, HD 8393, HD 22001, HD 27604, HD 33262, HD 81421 and HD 85964 as constant stars. The variability classification of our other objects remains unchanged.

The cross-correlation profiles were used to determine accurate values for the projected rotational velocity $v \sin i$ with 2 independent methods. The resulting values range from 3 to 135 km s^{-1} . The $v \sin i$ values gathered for all the bf, cand and rejected γ Dor stars result into decreasing histograms towards high $v \sin i$ values, except for the bf γ Dor stars which show more stars in the range of $[20, 60] \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

Tidal evolution of binary systems leads to circularisation of the orbit, spin-alignment of the rotational and orbital inclination, and synchronisation of the rotation of the components with the orbital motion. For 5 double-lined binaries in our survey, i.e. HD 8393, HD 27377, HD 10167, HD 34025 and HD 214291, the $v \sin i$ values of both components are (close to) equal, which reflects their spin-alignment and synchronisation. Moreover, the orbits of HD 10167, HD 34025 and HD 214291 are circularised (Table 3). For the other double-lined *bina*
ries in our sample, i.e. HD 5590, HD 34025, HD 81421, HD 110606, HD 111709 and HD 147787, the evolution to-

wards synchronisation and/or spin-alignment is still on-going. However, the orbits of HD 34025 and HD 81421 are already circularised (Table 3).

The binarity and variability classifications of each of our target stars were updated by the use of 2 up to 63 CORALIE spectra observed from a single site (Table 5). The low number of observations and the strong aliasing made an individual orbital or intrinsic period search difficult or impossible in several cases. Therefore, a lot of our results are based on a comparison with photometric observations of the satellite mission HIPPARCOS. Clearly, additional (and ideally *multi-site*) spectroscopic data are needed to determine or improve orbits, and to study the intrinsic variations present in spectroscopic observations in more detail. Because the exploitation of dynamical information can give additional and independent constraints on physical properties of the components, we will give priority to binaries with a bf or cand γ Dor star in future investigations. These objects are given in *italics* in Table 5.

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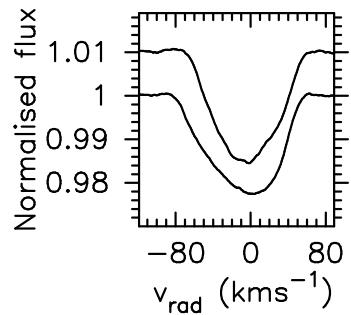


Fig. 23. The cross-correlation profiles of the observed CORALIE spectra for HD 65526. Subsequent profiles are shifted in flux for clarity.

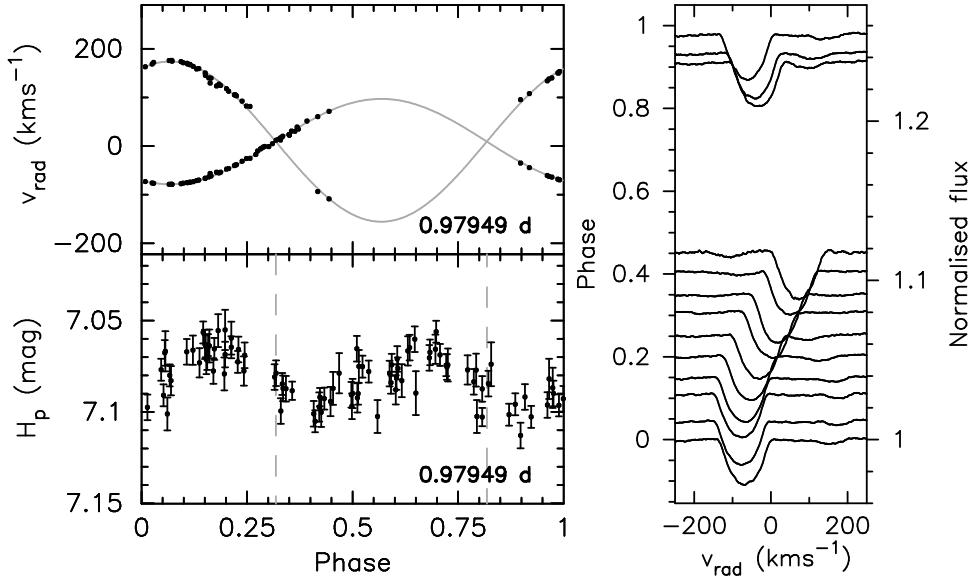


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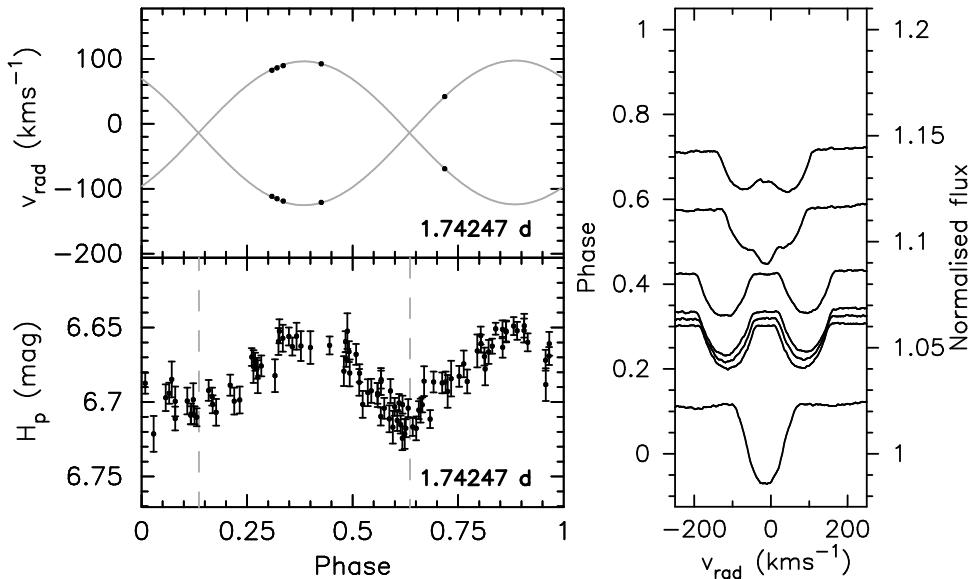


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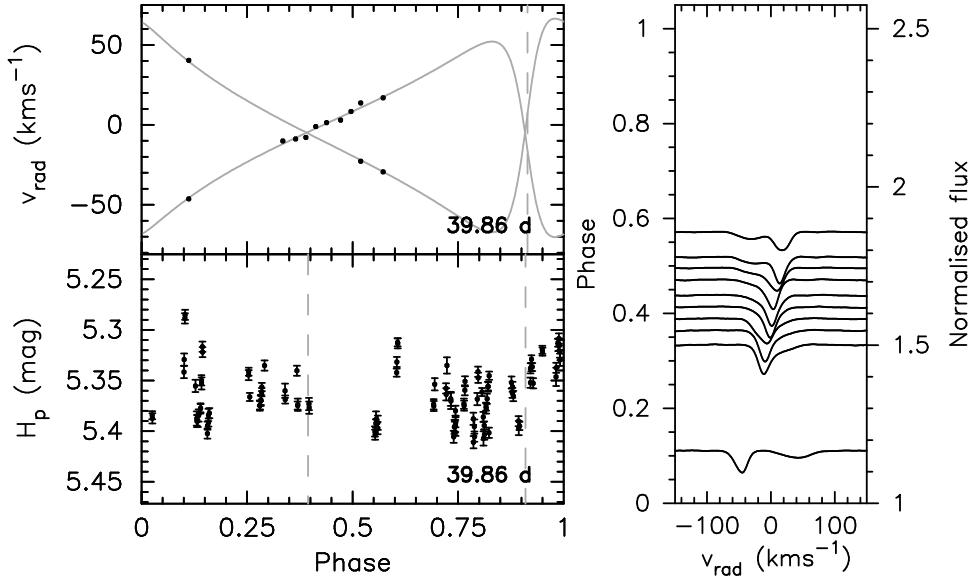


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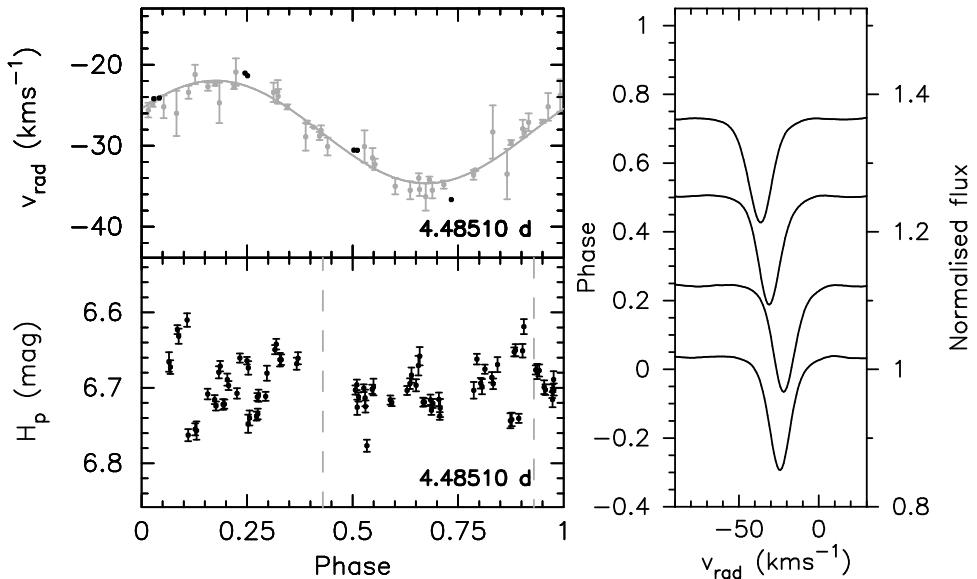


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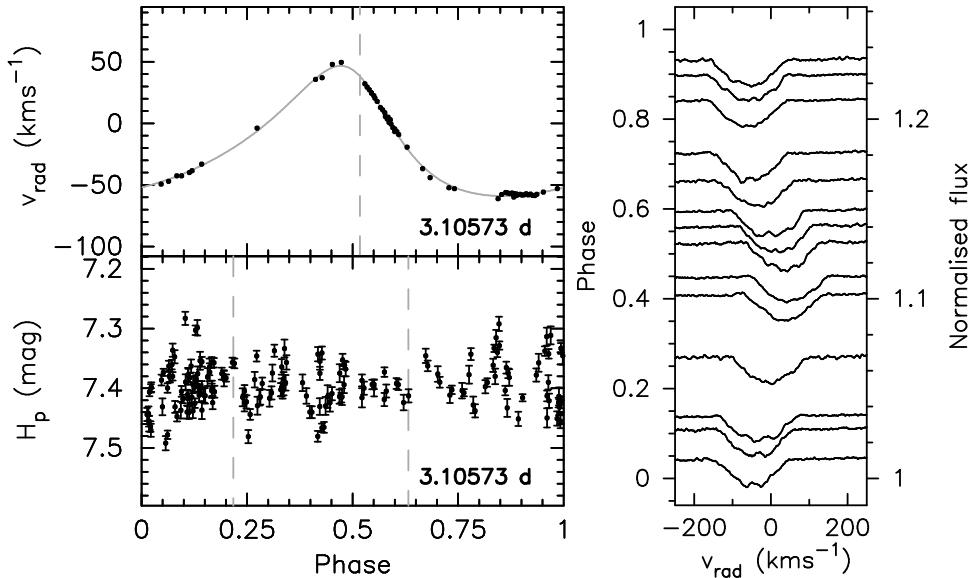


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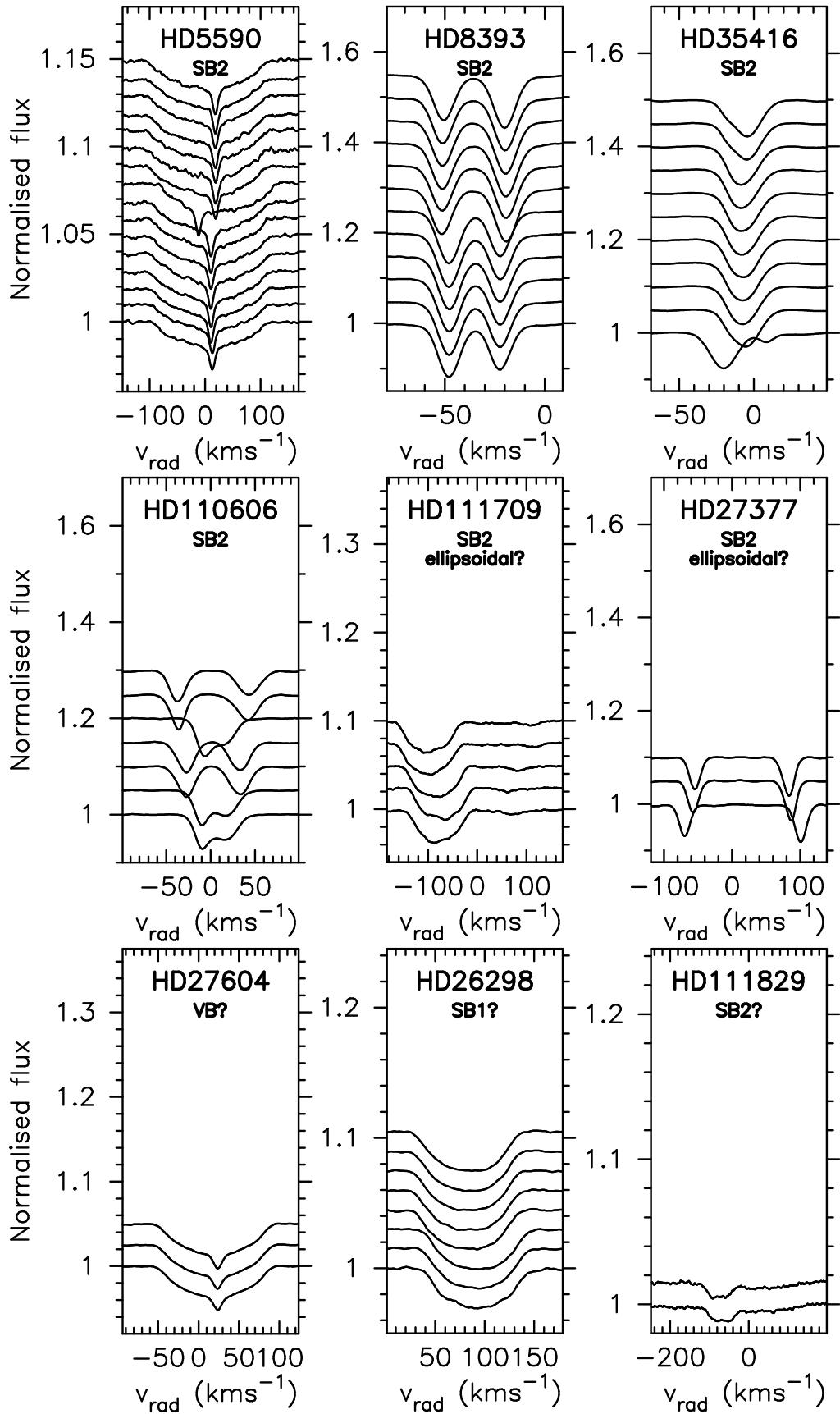


Fig. 10. The cross-correlation profiles of the observed CORALIE spectra for the (suspected) binary objects for which no orbital solution could be determined with our current set of CORALIE data. Subsequent profiles are shifted in flux for clarity. The name of the object and the orbital classification is given on top of each panel. “SB2”, “SB1”, “VB” and “ellipsoidal” respectively indicate double-lined binaries, single-lined binaries, visual binaries and ellipsoidal variables.

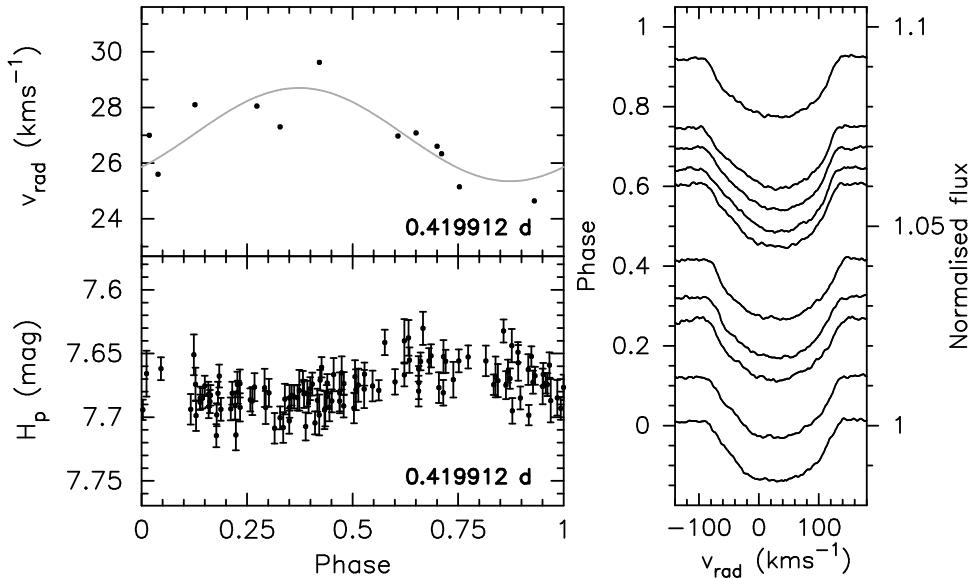


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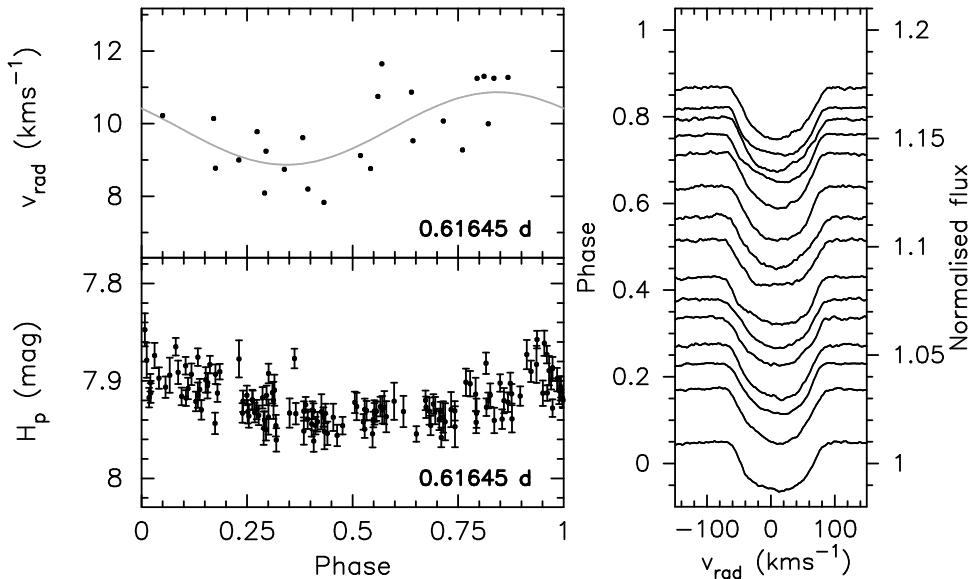


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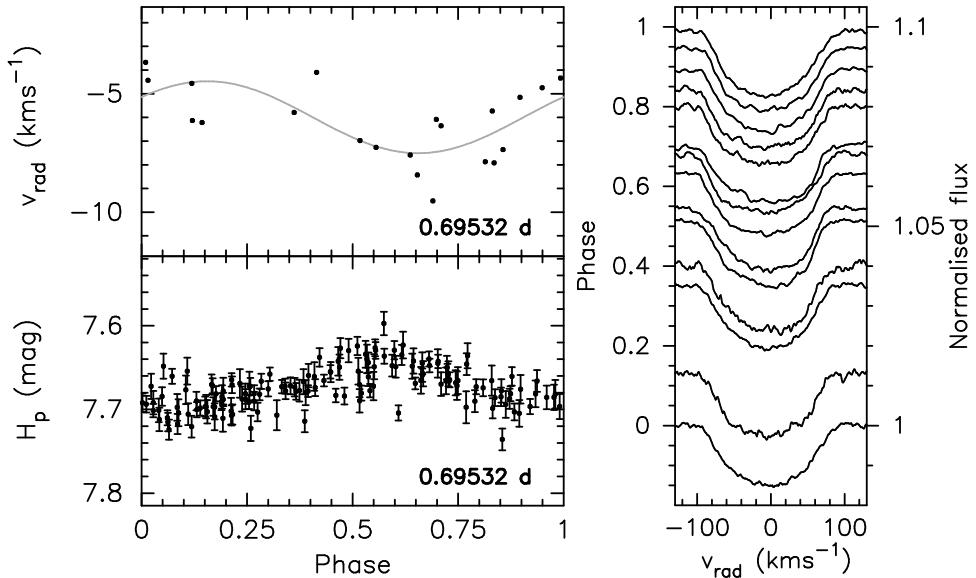


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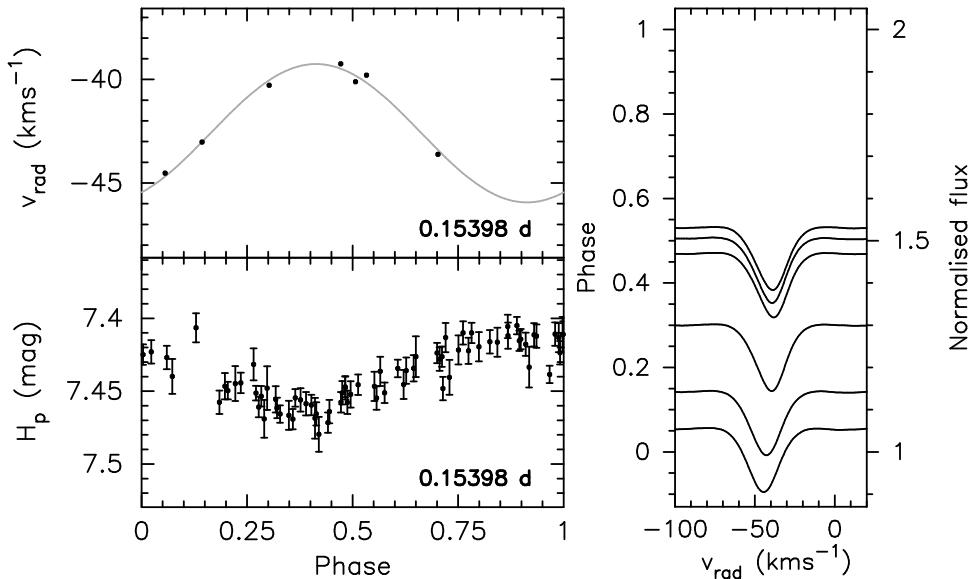


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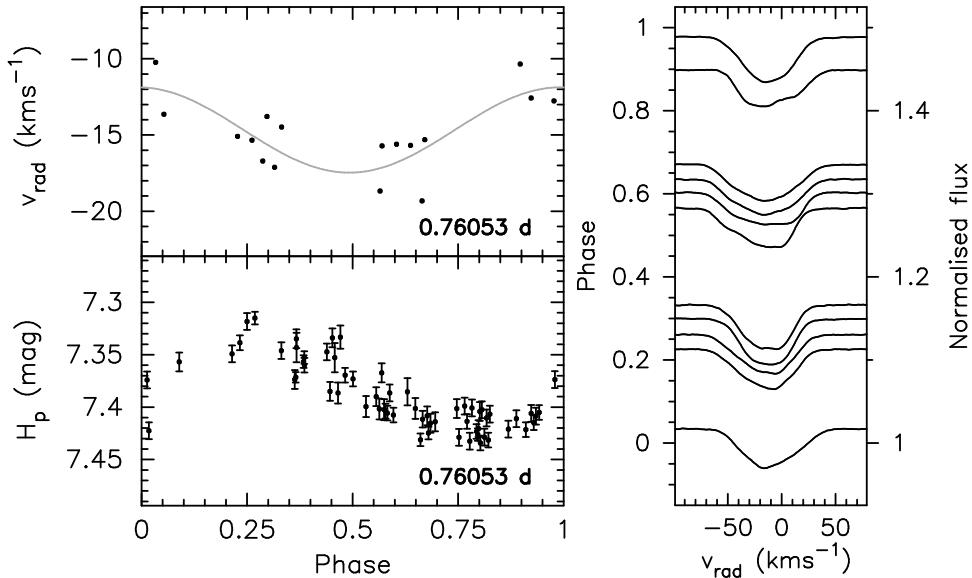


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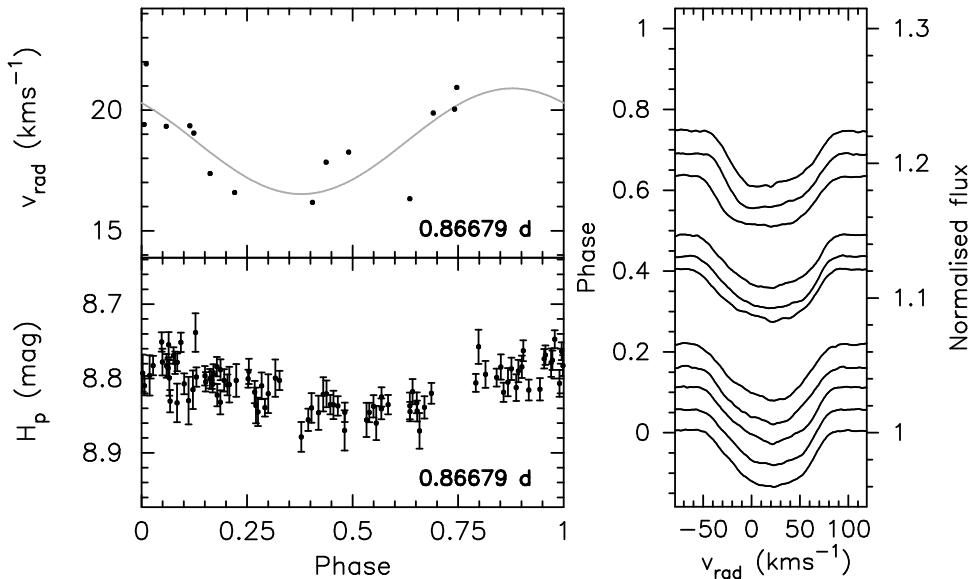


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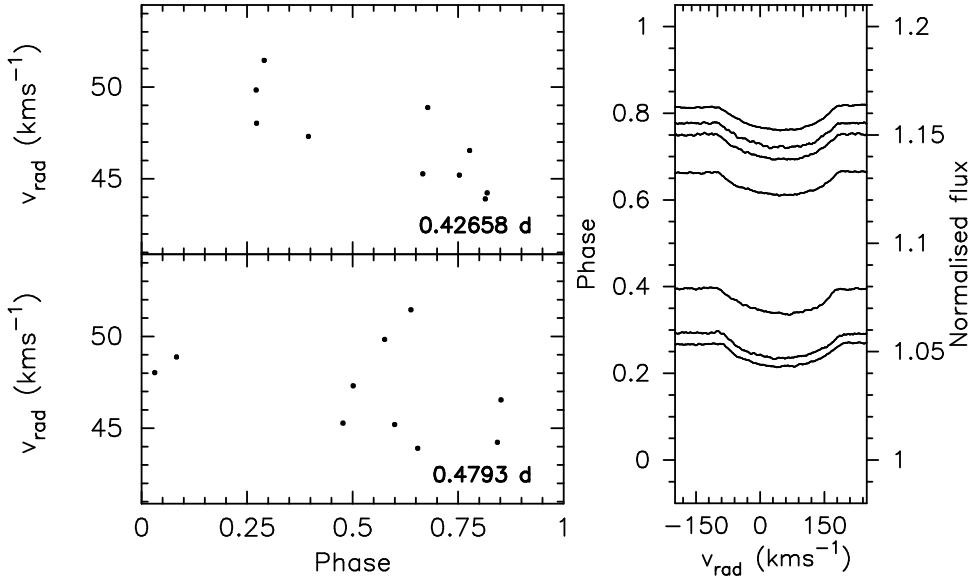


Fig. 21. Phase diagrams of the radial velocity v_{rad} with two known HIPPARCOS periods of HD 149989 (left). The period values are given in the bottom right corner. The reference epoch is HJD 2450000. In the right panel, a selection of observed cross-correlation profiles are shown as a function of the main HIPPARCOS period.

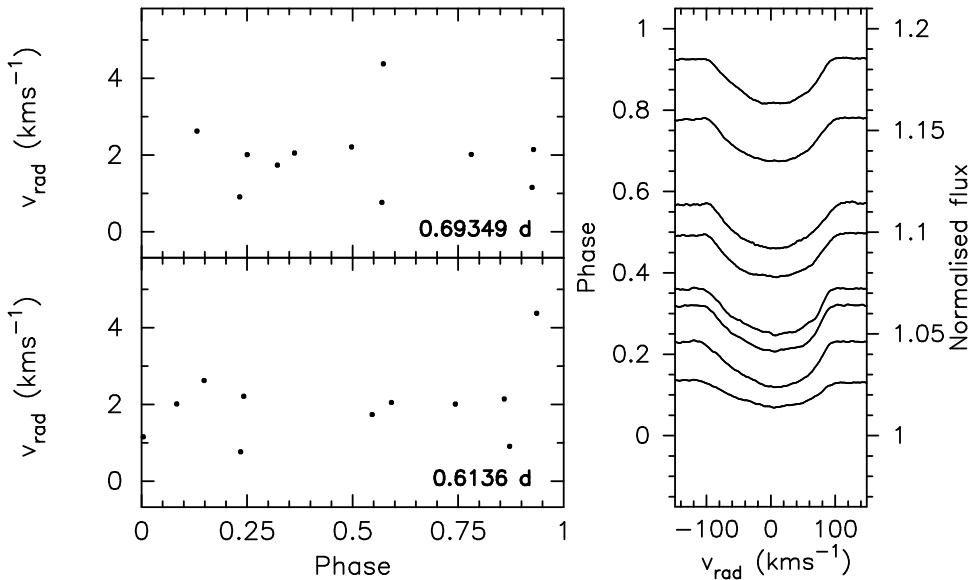


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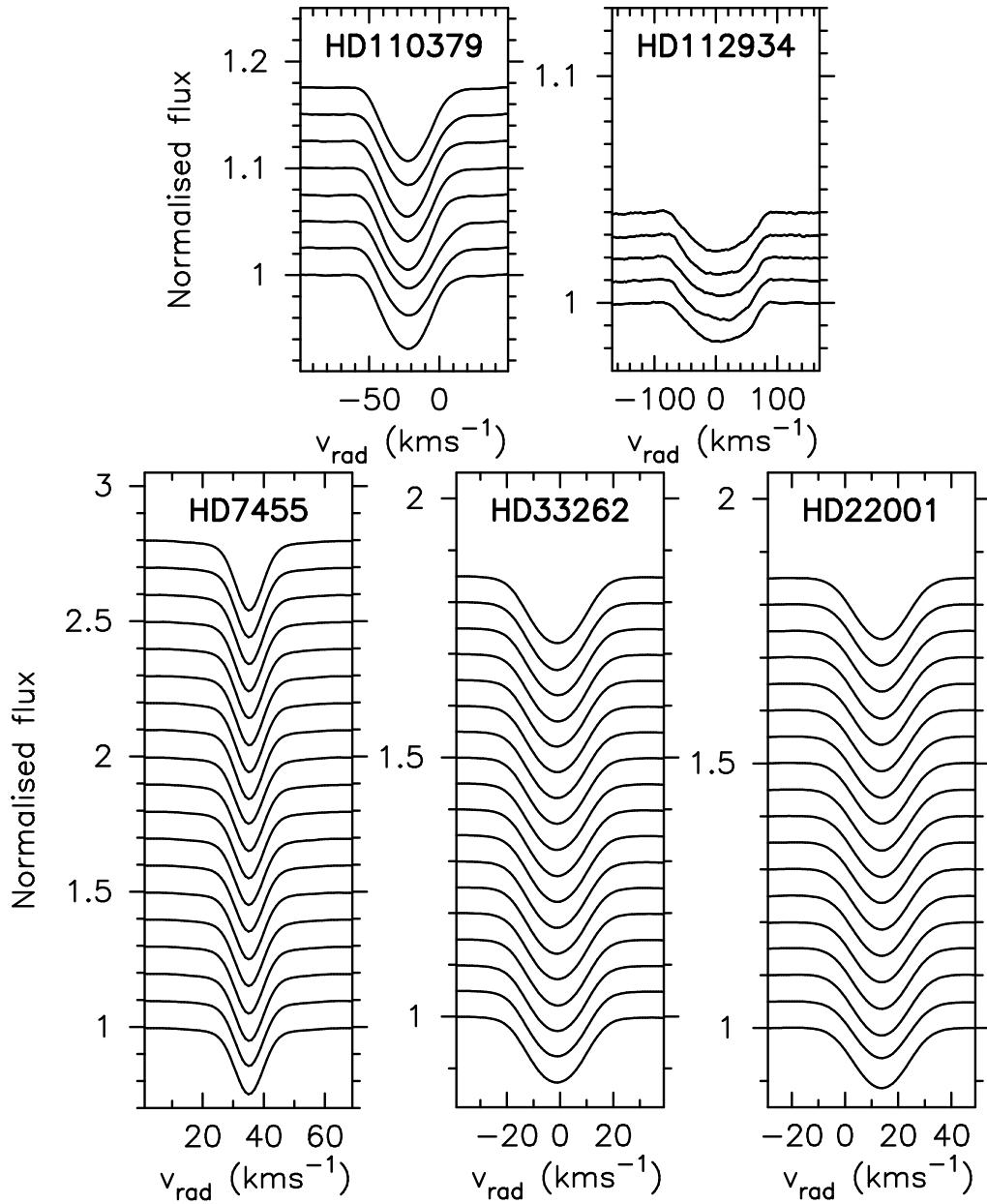


Fig. 24. The cross-correlation profiles of the observed CORALIE spectra for the objects for which no clear correlation profile variations have been detected in our current set of CORALIE data. Subsequent profiles are shifted in flux for clarity. The HD number of the object is given on top of each panel.